

(b) if so the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the work on above section is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Disruption of Rail Traffic

4122. SHRI ANIL BASU :

DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIA :

SHRI HARADHAN ROY :

SHRI VIJAY GOEL :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been frequent disruption of rail traffic due to derailment of passenger and goods trains during the last three years.

(b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise and location-wise;

(c) the number of trains cancelled due to such traffic disruption and details of loss of life and material suffered as a result thereof in each case alongwith the details of cancellation or diversion of rail traffic during the last three years;

(d) whether the poor maintenance of rolling stock, locomotives and the railway tracks are mainly responsible for such frequent derailments and

(e) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken to ensure proper maintenance of the rolling stocks and particularly the railway tracks as a safeguard against any derailment of passenger and goods trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). Railway zone-wise break-up of derailments on Indian Railways during the last three years namely, 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 is as under :

Rly.	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
CR	41	46	43
ER	37	28	24
NR	43	54	33
NER	25	16	21
NFR	40	49	20
SR	36	31	35
SCR	47	39	27
SER	91	84	62
WR	41	41	31
Total	401	388	296

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(d) No. Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Negotiations with Manila

4123. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government have been drawn to the news item captioned, "DoT team to leave for Manila to negotiate Rs. 595 crore ADB loan," appearing in "Indian Express" dated October 13, 1996.

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;

(c) whether DoT team has been able to negotiate and

(d) if so, the details of the teams and conditions and the projects likely to be undertaken under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. DOT Team has gone to Manila on 16.10.96 to negotiate for getting ADB loan for the Rural Telecommunication Project.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. The Team alongwith the officers of Deptt. of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance have been able to negotiate this loan and the Bank has approved a loan of Rs. 400 crores for project of DOT for providing Village Public Telephones in 31,788 villages of 42 districts of Uttar Pradesh (East). This loan has been obtained under the standard terms and conditions of the Bank and will be repaid in 24 years including a grace period of 4 years. The scheme under this project will be implemented during 1997-2000. A tender has already been floated in October, 1996 and the trial project will begin in the 2nd half of 1997.

Committee on Outstanding Dues

4124. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Committee of Secretaries has worked out the modalities for recovery of huge outstanding dues of Railways from NTPC, DESU and other SEBs;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal along with present status of outstanding dues, Public Sector Undertaking-wise and extent of back-log accumulated over the last three years;

(c) whether the problem was reviewed in depth in the past at the highest level and details of the steps/remedial action suggested and implemented as a result thereof; and